

REMARKS

The Examiner has finally rejected claims 32 – 41 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as “...unpatentable over Klasell..”. It appears that through an inadvertent numbering error, the numbering of claims is unclear but Applicant’s new attorney has endeavored to amend the renumbered Claims and believes that as prepared, the amendment is responsive. The rejection is traversed.

Applicant has amended Claim 32 and others to clarify the invention and to correct inadvertent errors in the recitations. As amended, it is urged that amended Claim 32 now distinguishes patentably over Klasell et al..

Klasell et al teaches a construction module which is intended to be a weatherproof window or door with an interior panel with the outer layers (top and bottom) with substantial cut outs so that both the outer layers are essentially frames for the intermediate layer. As explained in Col. 2, lines 66-69, “The invention involves a composite wood structure that has (a) first and second spaced layers and (b) a core interposed between the layers.”

Applicant has, in amended Claim 32, a three panel structure, each panel being comprised of several layers with the intermediate panel hollowed out to essentially a frame. The outer panels are bonded to the intermediate panel to form a hollow core structure which is neither

suggested nor shown in Klasell et al. Further, the amended Claim requires that the top and bottom panels be coextensive with the intermediate panel so that the door or window structure of Klasell et al in no way suggests the hollow-core construction module of the present invention.

Inasmuch as the independent Claim 32 distinguishes over the reference, the rejection of the dependant claims cannot be supported. Moreover, the other references of record fail to teach or suggest the combination of the present invention as expressed in amended Claim 32,